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Selleck's star lands in Halifax

Actor Tom Selleck heads to a car waiting for him on Prince Street after wrapping a shoot at the Press Gang on Thursday. Selleck is in town for the production of *Jesse Stone*, which is filming at various locations around the city. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Sliding ahead

ATLANTIC PLAYLAND

Expansion plans for water park moving to public hearing

Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

Halgionians could be slip slidin' away on bigger, better water-slides if everything goes according to plan for the city's only water park.

Earlier this week, North West Community Council passed a proposed development to allow Atlantic Playland in Hammonds Plains to expand its wax museum, canteen and parking lot, and add 10 amusement rides and seven water slides.

"I'd like to be able to just provide the people of the HRM with a place to go in the city instead

of having to go down to the valley or to New Brunswick," Playland owner Lalaina Biasotti said Thursday.

A new proposal was needed to approve the height of new rides and new building uses, Biasotti said, since the last property agreement was "super old" and dated from 1990, according to the report.

Biasotti, who has owned the Playland with her husband for the past five years, said the timeline for when the expansion could begin depends on how well they do over their next couple of seasons.

Ideally, the water park would be expanded with a new pool as well as waterslides when they are "financially able," Biasotti said.

"The more people that support us throughout the summer, that would be ideal," Biasotti said.

The proposal will now come before a public hearing at community council, likely within the next few weeks.



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Designer delivers tartan with a twist

FASHION

Veronica MacIsaac merges the modern with some Scottish 'Old World' fabrics

Rebecca Joseph
For Metro | Halifax

It's a big week for local fashion designer Veronica MacIsaac.

With the launch of her 2015 collection at a fashion shoot and gala event honouring her business savvy, she's busier than ever.

Veronica MacIsaac Apparel started in 2008 after she realized there wasn't a lot of traditional Scottish clothes for women in this era.

A former Highland dancer, MacIsaac wanted a way to show off her family heritage in the clothing she wore.

She was born in Cape Breton, where her parents were kilt-makers. Now she's continuing that by creating modern clothing, including traditional tartans.

This year's collection is the second part of her Judge's Collection, a more classic look than her past creations.

"It's a lot brighter and more colourful than anything I've ever done before," MacIsaac said.

She will unveil the new collection Friday, at a fashion show taking place at the VIA Rail Canada train station on Hollis Street in downtown Halifax.

It may seem like an unusual venue for a fashion event, but MacIsaac said the "Old World feel" really highlights her clothing.

"I work in traditional fabrics, so it just fit to do it in a big old building like that," she said.

The show is about more than fashion, though. There will be traditional bagpipe music and Highland dancing starts at 8 p.m.

"It's a modern version of a traditional Scottish event," she said.

MacIsaac is also making waves in the business community in Halifax. The Nova Scotia Business Hall of Fame was honouring her with a Leader of Tomorrow award in the Emerging Leaders category at a gala event Thursday night.

She said she was honoured to be named for the award because she works by herself all the time. She runs both the business and creative side of Veronica MacIsaac Apparel.

All the clothes are custom made-to-order by MacIsaac herself. At the show on Friday night she'll also sell a variety of accessories that include the tartan.

The fashion show is sponsored by The Scots society, and tickets are \$35 each.



There wasn't really an industry for tartan fashion. I created one.

Veronica MacIsaac, fashion designer



Cape Breton native Veronica MacIsaac, above, has made a name for herself in the fashion industry, pioneering unique looks based on Nova Scotian history and heritage.

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Chrystal Malay, second from left, looks over her new home with her children, from left, Alyssa, Blake, Kyle and William, in Spryfield on Thursday. JOSH BROWN/FOR METRO

‘I can’t believe it’s actually here’

HOUSING

Two Spryfield families finally see new Habitat homes



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

As their children looked out windows and discovered the best hide-and-seek spots, two mothers hugged one another in a sunny kitchen with tears in their eyes.

The Johnson and Malay families moved into their new homes on Drysdale Road in Spryfield during an unveiling

event Thursday, after Habitat for Humanity Nova Scotia and Lindsay Construction spent months working on the duplex units.

“It’s overwhelming. I can’t believe it’s actually here,” Rhonda Johnson, a single mother of three, said as she looked around her kitchen.

Both families had been visiting the construction sites during the build, but were kept out over the past few weeks to allow for a surprise, said Habitat CEO Marie-France LeBlanc.

Before Cory Bell, of Lindsay Construction, handed over the keys to both families, he said managing the 12-month build was a “no-brainer.”

Johnson, who said she’s moved 15 times within the last 23 years, added that being a



Rhonda Johnson and her children, Nena and Niaomi, check out their new house. JEFF HARPER/METRO

homeowner finally provides a sense of security for herself and her three kids, who range in age from eight to 23.

“Just the little things, and to be able to call it mine — ours,” Johnson said as she smiled at her two ponytailed daughters beside her.

Housing Nova Scotia provided \$50,000 toward the Habitat for Humanity project, said Minister of Community Services Joanne Bernard, which not only means two families now have homes they wouldn’t have been able to afford otherwise, but there will be better edu-

cation and health outcomes for the children in a stable environment.

Chrystal Malay hugged Johnson for a moment in the kitchen of her home as her three boys and one daughter opened their pantry and cupboard doors.

“I feel like I’m in a dream,” said Malay, a single mom who works at the Halifax Regional School Board.

Malay said her family had been living in public housing, and home ownership never seemed like a possibility while caring for five kids aged eight to 21.

“It’s really out of the realm (of possibility) honestly, but now I have a home,” Malay said with a smile.

Alyssa Malay, 13, gave a shout of excitement as she opened the door to a cupboard under the stairs and asked her mom if that could be her “Harry Potter nook,” like the one the boy wizard once lived in.

More than the nook, Alyssa said, she was happy and surprised to see such a large kitchen with an island and lots of counter space, where her family could finally prepare meals together instead of only two people at a time — which was how many could fit in their old kitchen.

“Now we can all help make Christmas dinner,” Alyssa said. “Before it was a one-person job and we’d all walk in at different times to help, but now we can all go in.”

+ CANDIDATES

The recipients of Habitat for Humanity homes are selected on basis of need, the ability to repay a “no-down-payment, no-interest mortgage” and 500 hours of sweat equity to their home or community.



It feels amazing. I never thought we’d ever have this.

Alyssa Malay



Pam Cooley of CarShareHFX says users want to park in front of their homes without being ticketed. METRO HALIFAX FILE

Passes urged for carshare service users

RESIDENTIAL

Permits would allow vehicles to park without parking tickets



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Halifax

New on-street parking permits may be coming to Halifax's fleet of car-sharing vehicles after recent discussions at city hall.

On Thursday, the city's transportation committee voted in favour of having staff explore the possibility of creating special parking passes for car-sharing organizations, namely CarShareHFX.

The passes would allow members to park on controlled residential streets in front of their homes without being ticketed.

"It's not about giving a company a solution," Coun. Wayne Mason, who tabled the motion, told Thursday's committee.

"It's about providing residents an equivalent and fair access to being able to park in front of their house when they're using a CarShare car

the way you can if you're a citizen who owns a car."

For this reason, Mason believes, it's unreasonable that the city expect residents who are members to apply for a temporary parking pass each time they use a CarShare vehicle.

There's a big difference between the occasional car user and someone who lives on a street and requires a permanent parking pass, Mason added.

"What we want here is a city that wants car-sharing organizations to flourish so we can reduce the number of personally owned vehicles in the city," said CarShareHFX owner Pam Cooley.

She said that creating a residential parking permit is a "best practice" that other cities such as Vancouver and Toronto have introduced to promote car-sharing.

+ BACKGROUND

Sharing means fewer cars on road: Firm owner

CarShareHFX owner Pam Cooley says that, on average, one CarShare car reduces the number of personally owned vehicles on the road by 15.

TRANSPORTATION

Road could affect water pipeline: Report

The city's transportation committee, in agreement with staff, has decided against a new connector road between Lucasville Road and Larry Uteck Drive.

A recent report was tabled before the transportation standing committee.

In the report, staff outlined how building a new two-kilometre roadway between these existing roads would be costly

— between \$2.5 and \$4 million.

It could also be precarious for an underground water pipeline in the area, the report indicated.

Halifax Water indicated that a single pipe, which was installed in 1975, runs beneath the ground.

It supplies all of the water for the west and central service areas of HRM.

"The construction of a connector road over this alignment would cause significant impacts to the waterline," reads the report.

"The needed vertical geometry and roadway cross-section would require significant rock break and cut/fill activity that would potentially impact the water main or require renewal in conjunction with the road."

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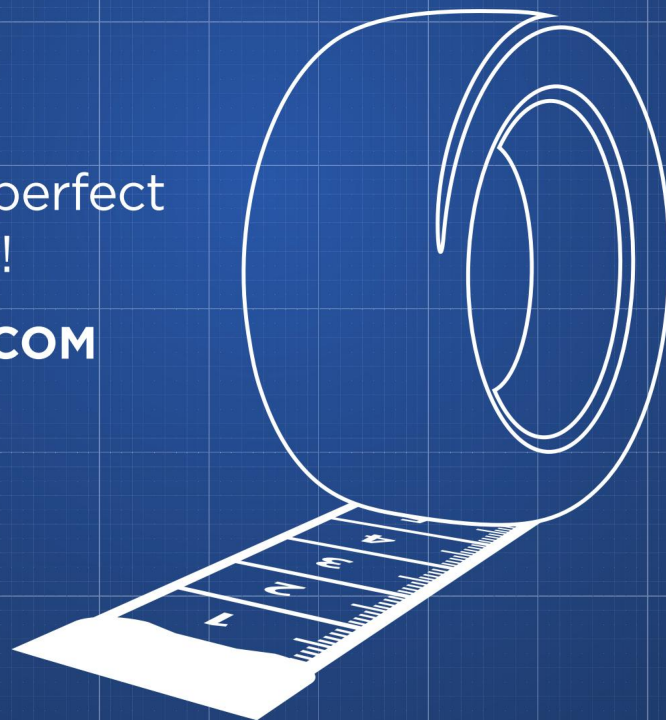
The minimum cost for a proposed connector road between Lucasville Road and Larry Uteck Drive. The cost could rise to \$4 million, says a report before the transportation standing committee.

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Bricks tumble onto vehicles

APARTMENT BUILDING

Property director says no one was injured



Stephanie Taylor
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Corrosion may have been the culprit for a section of brick falling from a Halifax apartment building Thursday morning, according to the director of property management for Killam Properties.

Dan Sampson said it's still too early to determine exactly what caused the incident at 26 Alton Dr.

But, so far, engineers on site have speculated that some of the brick ties — the material used to fasten brick to a wall — may have corroded and become separated from the building.

"It's a little concerning for us, obviously, but the engineers haven't determined exactly what's happened yet," he said on Thursday around 11 a.m.,

adding the building operators will have to wait for an engineer's report to be completed.

Halifax police and fire received a call around 8:30 a.m. after a vertical section of brick fell off the three-storey apartment complex.

Sampson estimates the bricks fell between 20 and 30 feet, which eventually landed onto two trucks parked below.

"Thankfully, nobody was injured ... we're very happy about that," he said Thursday.

Sampson said the building is more than 30 years old, and came under Killam's ownership around nine years ago.

He said management staff who live on site inspect the building regularly, conducting routine walks around the exterior and are required to report repairs as needed.

"There is no evidence, that I'm aware of, that there was a problem with this particular run of brick. The brick has been here for a long time, as many other buildings," he said.

Although he called Thursday's incident concerning, he says there are no immediate plans to adjust the ways inspections are conducted.



The owner of a yellow pickup truck surveys the damage to his vehicle after bricks collapsed from the side of an apartment building at 26 Alton Dr. in Halifax on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO



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Radio ratings show who tunes in where

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CBC, rock and country stations lead the pack



Philip Croucher
Metro | Halifax

It's basically a dead heat between Halifax's rock and country radio stations as to which is the most listened-to commercially run station in the city.

The spring radio statistics released on Thursday by Numeris (BBM Canada) show CBC Radio 1 is again tops in Halifax with a market share of 18.4. The country station FX 101.9 is No. 2 with a market share of 11.4, followed closely by classic rock destination Q104 at 11.1.

The tight race between FX 101.9 and Q104 is much different than in the 2014 fall ratings. In

that last rating period, FX 101.9 held down top spot with a market share of 14.6, followed by C100 at 9.4 and Q104 at 8.1.

In these latest rankings, also in the Top 5 most-listened-to stations are C100 at 9.0 and 92.9 Jack FM at 6.7.

Rounding out the field, with last fall's rating in bracket, are The Bounce at 6.5 (5.3), News Talk 95.7 at 5.5 (5.0), 89.9 The Wave at 5.4 (7.7), CBC 2 at 4.6 (3.4) and Radio 96.5 at 4.1 (3.3).

The spring radio survey period for Halifax was between March 2 and April 26, with a demographic of 12 and over.

+ MARKET SHARE

Q104 sits atop key demo

In the popular demographic of adults between the ages of 25 and 54, Q104 is tops with a market share of 15.1, followed by C100 at 11.4 and FX 101.9 at 9.7.



CBC Radio One, Country 101 and Q104 are the most listened-to radio stations in the city. ISTOCK PHOTO

DEVELOPMENT

Building project to affect traffic, people

Some pedestrian and street rules are changing at St. Joseph's Square thanks to a new construction project starting on Tuesday.

Empire Group is planning on building a nine-storey mixed use building on the former site of the St. Joseph's church on Gottingen Street between Kaye and Russell Street.

According to a press release from the Halifax Regional Municipality, the sidewalk on the south side of Kaye Street will be closed between St. Joseph's Alexander McKay School and Gottingen Street.

Russell Street will allow one-

way traffic between only Vincent and Gottingen streets. A protected walkway also will be installed along the north side of the street. Street parking on both streets will be limited to allow for construction vehicles.

The park at the St. Joseph's Alexander McKay School will be fenced off for safety reasons, but it will remain open throughout construction.

The permit for the job is valid for six months. HRM will then reassess the site.

There is no word on how long the construction will take. METRO

IN BRIEF

Draw for trip to Scotland

WestJet will be giving away a flight for two to Scotland, this Friday in Halifax.

The airline is throwing a lunchtime party in Grand Parade from 12 to 2 p.m., which will include Scottish food, highland games and a free live show by The Stanfields.

Friday's event is kick-

ing off the airline's summer promotion of nonstop flights from Halifax to Glasgow, beginning May 29 and ending Oct. 24.

Only those people who attend the event can enter the draw, according to officials, who say the winner will be announced from the stage.

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WITNESS INTIMIDATION

Man back in Cape Breton to face charge

A Sydney man has been returned to Cape Breton from British Columbia to face a charge of intimidation involving witnesses, in relation to an assault in Coxheath.

Joseph Frederick Evong, 33, was arrested earlier this week in Prince George and made a brief provincial court appearance Thursday, during which he was remanded pending a bail hearing Monday. The charge against Evong stems

from an incident on Dec. 27.

Another man, Andrew Steven MacIsaac, 33, of Leduc, Alta., also faces charges from the same incident — two counts of aggravated assault, two counts of assault with a weapon (a hammer and a shovel), four counts of breaching court orders, and single counts of uttering a threat and assault.

MacIsaac allegedly as-

saulted three other men.

After MacIsaac, formerly of Whitney Pier, was released on conditions on the charges, Cape Breton Regional Police returned him from Alberta and charged him with intimidating a witness and four counts of breaching court-imposed conditions and a single count of uttering a threat.

The new offences allegedly occurred between March 17

and April 1, and involve MacIsaac making phone calls to one complainant who has alleged that MacIsaac assaulted him in December.

MacIsaac is now scheduled for a bail hearing Friday. He previously elected to be tried by Supreme Court judge and jury on the assault related offences and a preliminary hearing is now scheduled for June 18.

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Interim Nova Scotia Provincial NDP leader Maureen MacDonald METRO HALIFAX

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NDP owns up to breaking election rules

POLITICS

Party guilty of mailout to vacant riding

The NDP in Nova Scotia has joined the Liberal government in admitting they broke election rules by sending out partisan materials at taxpayer expense into a riding where a byelection is expected.

A party spokesman says the New Democrats, under interim leader Maureen MacDonald, are willing to pay about \$2,000 for sending surveys on health care to the people in the riding of Dartmouth-South.

Mark Laventure says NDP caucus mailouts were approved by the Speaker on March 13 for 15 ridings, including Dartmouth-South. However, the party delayed sending the flyers to the riding until mid-April after the Liberal member representing the riding died on March 16.

Laventure said the party failed to take into consideration the

rules prohibiting a publicly funded mailout during a byelection period. "We had a conference call with Elections Nova Scotia (Thursday) and confirmed that ... there had been a breach," he said. "The rule is there and it should be followed. It was just something we hadn't considered when we sent it out."

Elections Nova Scotia was already investigating the Liberal caucus, which sent 33,000 flyers into the vacant ridings of Cape Breton Centre, Sydney-Whitney Pier and Dartmouth South during the third week of May.

Premier Stephen McNeil has said his party wasn't clear on the rules and on Thursday he said it appears other parties weren't either, despite changes to the Elections Act that were implemented in 2011. Under the rules a byelection campaign begins when the seat becomes vacant. In a general election the campaign begins when the writ is dropped.

Parties are banned from using government money for partisan materials during an election campaign, though the funding is permitted at other times.

"I think everyone was under the impression that what happens at a general election applied to a byelection," said McNeil.

McNeil has said the Liberals will pay the \$7,000 cost of their mailouts. Both the Liberals and NDP say they will abide by whatever ruling is made by Elections Nova Scotia. Dana Doiron, a spokesman for Elections Nova Scotia expects action to be taken Friday on the matter.

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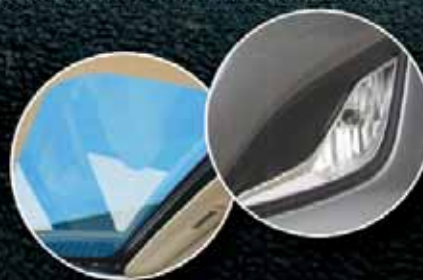
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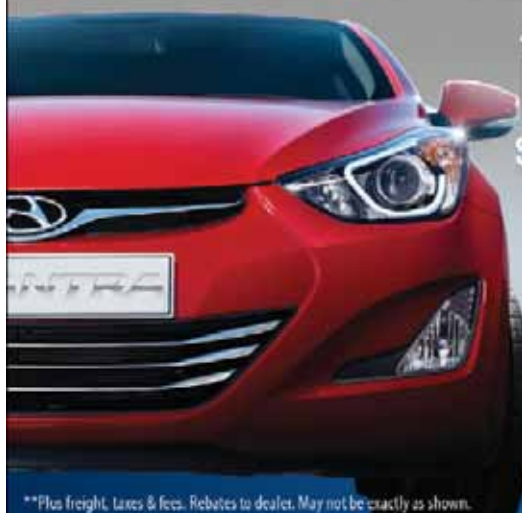
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Rebecca Joseph
For Metro | Halifax

Mount Saint Vincent University's newest building is a testament to what women have built not only here in Halifax, but around the world.

Plans for the Margaret Norrie McCain Centre for Teaching, Learning and Research has been in the works for over 10 years, according to university president Dr. Ramona Lumpkin. But it really started gaining traction when offi-

cials decided to dedicate the building to women's talent.

"Once we decided on the vision of dedicating the building to women's accomplishments, donations just soared," Lumpkin said.

Close to 300 women are honoured throughout the building in a variety of ways.

Before you walk in the building, you're confronted by The Riva Spatz Women's Wall of Honour, which has stone leaves built throughout the wall.

On each leaf, a woman's name can be seen.

Any woman can be nominated for the wall, from local mothers to prominent leaders such as Margaret Thatcher.

There is also a virtual component to the wall. Biographies and pictures of the women are available to

view at a computer kiosk in the building and also at womensallofhonour.ca.

When you enter the building, you're greeted by 18 female faces displayed on a three-storey wall in the atrium.

These 18 women come from all walks of life. Some of the women honoured include Mi'kmaq poet Rita Joe, and Ruth Goldbloom, who helped found the Museum of Immigration at Pier 21.

Each classroom in the building is also named after a different woman.

"Most of the rooms are sponsored by businesses," Lumpkin explained. "But instead of sticking to conventional names using the company, we asked them to pick a woman to honour."

This way, students can read the story of famous and local women while going about their daily lives.

Lumpkin said the building nearly doubles the amount of student spaces, such as study rooms and meeting areas.

It also will house academic programs that have been



Dr. Ramona Lumpkin, president of Mount Saint Vincent University, poses for a photo Thursday in front of the Riva Spatz Women's Wall of Honour at the new McCain Centre for Teaching, Learning and Research. The new centre officially opens on Friday. JOSH BROWN/FOR METRO

We realized we could make it a richer building because we'd be quietly telling their stories to students as they went about their daily business.

MSVU president Dr. Ramona Lumpkin

housed in temporary annexes for the past several years.

The building also has a walkway between the upper part and lower parts of campus, making it completely

accessible for those with mobility issues.

"When we decided to honour our women, we realized we could make it a richer building because we'd be quietly

telling their stories to students as they went about their daily business," Lumpkin said.

"So it's a teaching building as well."

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Local company acquired by U.S. firm

ACQUISITIONS

Sports data operation says staff of over 200 will remain

A Nova Scotia sports data company has been acquired by an American entertainment firm, but it says the deal won't

leave any Halifax employees out of work. Gracenote Inc. announced Thursday the acquisition of SportsDirect, a Halifax-based company that provides statistics and other sports information to clients including Thomson Reuters, USA Today and fantasy sports websites.

"There's no plan to reduce any staff here in Halifax," said Dan LeBlanc, vice-president of products and operations for the

newly formed Gracenote Sports.

LeBlanc, formerly the president and CEO of SportsDirect, said the Halifax operation employs more than 200 full-time and part-time staff and will continue to do so.

The deal also saw Gracenote acquire Covers Media Group, which provides sports gaming information, and the Dutch company Infostrada Statistics.

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\$54 M

Gracenote, a subsidiary of Tribune Media Company, says the total cost of the acquisitions is about \$54 million US, but it is not disclosing the breakdown of the deal.



Blackhawks celebrate a goal on Wednesday. SportsDirect compiles stats of all Big-4 leagues. DAILY HERALD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ENVIRONMENT

Paper mill halted to cut emissions

The Nova Scotia government says operations at Northern Pulp will be suspended on Saturday as the mill works to bring down emission levels.

The province issued a legally binding order last August directing the paper mill in Abercrombie Point to replace its precipitator and get its air quality emissions in line by Saturday.

It says the government received word earlier this month that the company would suspend operations in order to complete the installation of the precipitator.

The government says it issued another order today

that ensures operations will not resume until the precipitator is installed.

The order says the mill must submit a proposed plan for the commissioning of the precipitator and operations will not restart until the plan is approved by the Environment Department.

It says after the precipitator is commissioned, Northern Pulp will need to conduct tests within 30 days to ensure emission levels are within legal limits.

The company is then required to report the results within 30 days of the testing.

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WILDLIFE

Deer recharging after rough winter

While many deer were spotted out and about earlier this month, they have likely returned to the deeper woods now as the females are giving birth.

Natural Resources biologist Peter MacDonald said an official assessment of how severely the winter affected the deer population isn't completed yet. Although people were seeing plenty of deer, they're not in the kind of shape they would be in after a milder winter.

Resources forest technician Matthew Reid.

Once the snow clears, they begin looking for nourishment anywhere they can find it.

"They may come in close to houses looking for food because they're going to be quite hungry," said MacDonald.

He said it's never a good idea to feed deer, which can encourage them to stay near urban areas. When the snow melts, they have lots of vegetation to eat.

"They can recover quickly from being in poor shape."

While people mean well by feeding them, it's not necessary and deer can react badly if they're given the wrong type of food. And when they find food, they're likely to continue coming to the same place.

With Pictou County being one of the main areas in the province where black-legged ticks are thriving, it's also best to deter the deer from being near people as they can carry the ticks that cause Lyme Disease. NEW GLASGOW NEWS



I refer to deer as tick taxis because they transport the ticks around.

Peter MacDonald

He said they live on fat reserves when they can't find food in the winter months, and their overall condition depends on how much weight they put on in the fall.

"We've seen them a lot thinner than normal," said Natural

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Deadline looming for heritage status

PRESERVATION

Nova Scotia is home to many of Canada's lighthouses

The future for scores of Canada's surplus lighthouses will be revealed within the next 90 days as the federal government is required by law to make

public a list of the structures it considers worthy of a heritage designation.

But a former president of the Nova Scotia Lighthouse Preservation Society says the list won't be long enough.

Barry MacDonald, who has worked for 17 years to protect lighthouses across the country, says Ottawa's five-year plan to transfer ownership of surplus lighthouses to community groups, individuals and

other levels of government has been bogged down by a lack of funding and environmental obstacles.

Officials from Parks Canada and the federal Fisheries Department did not respond to requests for interviews.

Of the 970 lighthouses and other beacons declared surplus in 2010, 348 have been the subject of public petitions for preservation under the federal Heritage Lighthouse Protection Act.

Under the act, it's up to the minister responsible for Parks Canada, Leona Aglukkaq, to decide by Friday which lighthouses should receive heritage status. But she has another three months to release the list.

Nova Scotia Conservative MP Scott Armstrong revealed in Parliament this week that the government has granted heritage status to 74 lighthouses — 32 of which will be transferred to community

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It all boils down to money and time. They want to get as many of these off their books as they can.

Barry MacDonald

groups or other levels of government. The other 42 will remain active aids to navigation owned by the Crown.

"It's a very low number, in my opinion," says MacDonald, arguing that the Harper government has moved slowly on the file because the act was based on a 2008 bill from the Senate, which can't authorize the spending of public funds.

"They had to find money from existing budgets," he says. "Resources were lacking."

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Workers strip paint from the iconic lighthouse at Peggy's Cove in 2012. JEFF HARPER/METRO FILE

+ CONTAMINATION

MacDonald says it appears Ottawa is backing away from a commitment to repair and clean up sites where concerns have been raised about contaminated structures and soil.

For many older lighthouses, the problem is lead paint, flakes of which have

accumulated in the surrounding soil after countless repainting chores.

The lead-contaminated soil near the island lighthouse at Port Mouton, N.S., had to be removed and replaced in 2011 with a helicopter at a cost of about \$1,400 a hour.

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Firefighters douse a house fire on Thursday at 5434 Rector St. JEFF HARPER/METRO

CRIME

Charges laid in convenience store robbery

Police arrested a 59-year-old Halifax man Thursday on several charges in relation to an armed robbery earlier this month at a local corner store.

Richard James Greene faces 15 charges for allegedly using a stolen car to flee from the Needs Convenience store at 33 Herring Cove Rd. He and another man are accused of stealing cash, cigarettes and other items from the store, during the early morning hours of May 19.

Officers responded around 5 a.m. to the robbery, which involved a man walking into the store carrying a handgun and another man entering with a crowbar, Halifax Regional Police said in a news release Thursday. The men "grabbed the clerk and forced her to accompany them as they went around the store picking up items," police said, adding the clerk wasn't hurt as a result.

They fled in a silver car with

rust on the bottom of the doors. The car was last seen driving up Withrod Drive, and police learned that it had been stolen on May 11 from Parkland Drive.

Almost a week later, the car was found abandoned on May 25 on Armstrong Court.

Officers arrested Greene at an Evans Avenue apartment on Wednesday, police said. He was held in custody overnight and is expected to appear in Halifax provincial court Thursday. METRO

+ STILL AT LARGE

Halifax Regional Police are still trying to track down the second man suspected in the robbery.

Police say his face was covered during the incident.

He was wearing dark clothing at the time of the crime, police said.

OPEN LETTER TO HALIFAX WATER GM CARL YATES AND HALIFAX MAYOR MIKE SAVAGE

The 335 members of CUPE Locals 227 and 1431 are now two weeks into a work stoppage, prompted by an attempt by our employer to try and dramatically roll back our pension benefits.

While exercising our legal right to strike, we have been subjected to intimidation and aggressive behaviour from security staff hired by Halifax Water to supposedly 'monitor' strike activity.

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Halifax Water has hired AFIMAC Canada to provide round-the-clock security services at close to 20 locations.

We believe many of these workers have been brought in from Ontario at great expense. Their 'Help Wanted' ad on Kijiji for this strike says "Security Guards while on a contract can gross up to \$1850+ weekly."

At a recent labour dispute at the University of New Brunswick, the security bill from AFIMAC was more than \$200,000.

We know this is a labour disruption, but we do not appreciate the strong arm tactics that are being used to intimidate and harass CUPE members who are simply doing their duty on the picket line.

We are trying to be as respectful as possible but these hired security guards are not doing the same. Their behaviour is an extension of how Halifax Water is treating its own employees outside the workplace.

As one striker put it, how can we be Halifax Water's "valued employees" one day, and then be treated practically like criminals the very next?



HANDS OFF OUR PENSIONS!

A message from CUPE
Locals 227 and 1431

CUPE

'It was a huge fire'

RECTOR STREET

Homeowner shaken but not hurt after blaze in north end



Kristen Lipscombe
Metro | Halifax

As she watched clouds of smoke billow out the back of her north-end Halifax home Thursday evening, Bernice DeBelie said she had learned a "big lesson."

"Everybody should have a fire extinguisher working," DeBelie said, surrounded by inquiring but caring neighbours, her dog Joey by her side.

"I didn't have my fire extinguisher — obviously a bad idea."

Firefighters, police and paramedics responded to the blaze at 5434 Rector St. shortly after 5 p.m., but fortunately neither DeBelie nor her canine room-

mate were injured as a result.

"We're fine," DeBelie said, as she sat on the curb with neighbour Violet Beattie, who put her arm around her friend.

The homeowner said flames broke out on her back deck when she "went to light the barbecue" for dinner.

"It's a defective (propane) tank," she said. "It caught on fire where the tank meets the barbecue."

DeBelie said she tried to haul the barbecue down the stairs, but the fire only escalated when it tipped over, so she quickly left, "and then I heard it explode."

"I took the dog and then I came over here," she said. "It hasn't hit me yet, but I'll be shaking in a bit."

Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency Services division commander Peter Andrews said fire crews arriving on scene "encountered very large amounts of flame and smoke, black smoke, as they were rolling up the street."

"The fire had extended to the siding and the deck; it was a huge fire," Andrews said. "It had begun to melt the siding on the two structures on both sides."

But firefighters were "really quickly" able to extinguish the flames, he said, adding there's no damage inside the neighbouring homes and only "minor damage" to DeBelie's house.

"A fire extinguisher is the main thing for anybody. Don't take it for granted."

Bernice DeBelie,
Halifax homeowner



SYDNEY UNION PROTESTS PRIVATIZATION Members of the Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union took to the sidewalk outside the Access Nova Scotia location on Kings Road in Sydney on Thursday. Their aim was to draw attention to the possible privatization by the province of the Registry of Joint Stocks, the land registry and the Registry of Motor Vehicles. CAPE BRETON POST

Blackout blamed on raccoon

NOVA SCOTIA POWER

Critter leaves Yarmouth in dark for hours

A masked bandit took out power in many parts of Yarmouth over-night Wednesday, marking the second time in four days that a raccoon was blamed for plunging thousands of Nova Scotia Power customers into the dark.

There is no confirmation whether the critter was the same one that had been spotted on a Main Street business ledge a day earlier or if it was a masked accomplice. That raccoon had made the news as people were asked to leave

it alone so it could come down on its own.

Any joking aside, the power outage — which depending on where you lived ranged from a black out to a brown out — affected 4,114 customers.

Nova Scotia Power says around 10:20 p.m. people reported having seen a bright blue flash near the Tim Hortons on Starrs Road. On social media many people said they heard a loud bang.

When crews arrived they discovered that a raccoon had gotten into the substation and had gone up a pole and come into contact with live wires, causing damage to the equipment. The raccoon's carcass was found at the scene.

YARMOUTH VANGUARD

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He's resting peacefully now. He probably wasn't for a few seconds.

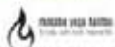
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Flavoured tobacco ban challenged

COURT

Firm says province exceeded its legal authority

A tobacco firm has launched a legal challenge against Nova Scotia's legislation to ban the sale of flavoured tobacco including menthol.

The law is set to come into effect on Sunday.

Imperial Tobacco Canada issued a news release on Thursday saying the province exceeded its legal authority with the ban.

It says there is a lack of evidence demonstrating that flavoured products with menthol are attractive to youth.

Rob Cunningham, a lawyer with the Canadian Cancer

Society, dismissed the legal challenge before the Nova Scotia Supreme Court as a last-minute public relations campaign, adding there is strong evidence that young people are using the products being banned.

He praised the Nova Scotia government for adopting the ban on menthol, adding it will help other provinces follow a similar path.

Dr. Robert Strang, the province's chief medical officer, said in an interview the province has no intention of backing away from its law due to the legal challenge.

"We're absolutely confident in the rationale and the strength of our legislation. This is not going to distract us ... We'll deal with any legal challenges over time," he said.

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We know Nova Scotians will not tolerate Big Tobacco coming into our province and telling us how to run it.

Barbara Stead-Coyle, Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Cancer Society-Nova Scotia Division



People visit Vapexpo, an international exhibition to promote e-cigarette, in Bordeaux, France, on March 13. GETTY IMAGES

+ IN ALBERTA

Rachel Notley's NDP may move against menthol cigarettes

The Alberta NDP has been in favour of a menthol ban and Premier Rachel Notley has said she expects there will be an announcement in the coming days.

The Canadian Cancer Society estimates that one in three Alberta youth smokers use menthol cigarettes, compared to one in 20 adult smokers.

Les Hagen of the group Action on Smoking and Health said the menthol tobacco market is aimed at young people and a ban on the flavour in Alberta is overdue.

He said the tobacco industry and some retail stores are more interested in money than in the health of young people and this latest plea not to ban menthol isn't a surprise. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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HALIFAX

Zehaf Bibeau exhorted others to attack: Sources

PARLIAMENT HILL SHOOTING

Unreleased video clips taken before shots fired

As calmly as Michael Zehaf Bibeau laid out the reasons for his fateful attack on Parliament Hill last October, he exhorted others to carry out similar attacks, say sources familiar with the unreleased portion of his final video manifesto.

The missing video segments also include Zehaf Bibeau mentioning a number of Middle Eastern names, none of which appear to be linked to the Oct. 22 shooting rampage.

The details come from two sources who spoke to The Canadian Press about the video, speaking on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss the contents of the portions that have yet to be made public.

They say during the missing 18 seconds, the 32-year-old Zehaf Bibeau calls on others to carry out attacks against countries such as Canada.

The sources say those named in the video do not appear to have played a role in Zehaf Bibeau's attack and it's not clear if investigators have been able to identify them.

Zehaf Bibeau recorded the video in his car moments before the deadly rampage, which



Michael Zehaf Bibeau is shown carrying a gun while running toward Parliament Hill on Oct. 23, 2014. Speaker Andrew Scheer said his office is finalizing what portions of a highly detailed report will be released to the public. RCMP/THE CANADIAN PRESS

claimed the life of Cpl. Nathan Cirillo and ended his own in a hail of gunfire inside the Parliament building's Centre Block.

RCMP commissioner Bob Paulson has said investigators had "sound operational" reasons for keeping the 18-second portion of the video secret when the other 55 seconds were released nearly three months ago.

The redacted portions in-

cluded 13 seconds at the start of the video and five seconds at the end.

As to why the RCMP withheld part of the video, the RCMP wanted to ensure there were no hidden messages contained in it, the sources said. Investigators pored over every frame of the video, which was found on Zehaf Bibeau's cellphone inside the unlocked car he drove to

Parliament Hill.

In the portion of the video Canadians have already seen, Zehaf Bibeau stares calmly into the camera. He talks in an even tone, his eyes darting around, as he sits in his car in a parking lot steps away from Ottawa police headquarters.

He says the actions he's taking are a response to Canada's military involvement in Afghan-

+ SPENDING

The Commons is spending an extra \$6.5 million this fiscal year to pay for new security measures around Parliament Hill, according to Speaker Andrew Scheer.

istan and Iraq.

"We are retaliating, the mujahedeen of this world," Zehaf Bibeau says.

"Canada's officially become one of our enemies by fighting and bombing us and creating a lot of terror in our countries and killing us and killing our innocents."

Paulson said earlier this week the RCMP would release the remaining video this week or next, along with an Ontario Provincial Police report into the actions of the Mounties on Parliament Hill on the day of the shooting.

Next week, the House of Commons plans to release a review of how security personnel responded to Zehaf Bibeau once he got inside the Centre Block.

Speaking to a Commons committee, Speaker Andrew Scheer said his office is finalizing what portions would be released.

"A report that includes names of security personnel, names of constables, where people were standing at what time, and where resources were deployed, some of that information would — it would not be appropriate to release that," Scheer said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

LEGISLATION

Tampon tax nixed

Tampons will be a little cheaper as of Canada Day now that the Conservative government is moving to exempt feminine hygiene products from GST.

The House of Commons unanimously adopted an NDP-sponsored motion calling for the change earlier this month — a motion that passed after women in the Conservative caucus threatened to boycott the vote if their party didn't approve.

Opponents of the tax have long decried it as being entirely discriminatory, as it is only paid by women, and on an essential product. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

New ban aims to support transgender individuals

A political roadblock that imperiled NDP MPP Cheri DiNovo's landmark legislation to ban transgender "conversion therapy" has been cleared.

"This means that right away the message gets sent to children across the province that what many of them are still undergoing isn't okay and that ... we are all on their side ... all political parties," the Parkdale—High Park MPP said.

DiNovo's Affirming Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Act will ban doctors from billing OHIP for counselling gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered patients to change sexual orientation or gender identity. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Record rains, floods hit Texas

SOUTH CENTRAL U.S.

At least 21 people dead, others missing as rivers swell

Many Texas cities remain in danger though a barrage of deadly thunderstorms has tapered, as officials warn about the possibility of more flooding from rain-swollen rivers.

The storms and floods in Texas and Oklahoma this week have left at least 21 people dead and at least 10 others missing.

In suburban Houston, the rains have pushed the San Jacinto River above flood stage, and its waters were expected to cover streets in subdivisions along the west fork of the river, possibly stranding people in their homes for days if they don't leave.

In Wharton, about 60 miles southwest of Houston, the mayor asked residents to voluntarily evacuate about 300 homes on the west side of

the city due to the predicted rise of the Colorado River. In the Parker County town of Horseshoe Bend in North Texas, officials asked about 250 residents to leave their homes as the Brazos River was expected to rise above its flood stage of 21 feet (6.4 metres) on Thursday.

Meanwhile, in Central Texas, crews continued searching for nine people feared dead after the swollen Blanco River smashed through Wimberley, a small tourist town between San Antonio and Austin, over the Memorial Day weekend. In Houston, residents whose homes were flooded by torrential rains on Monday and Tuesday also continued their cleanup efforts.

While the Houston area got a respite from rainy weather for most of Wednesday, the heavy rains from earlier in the week were still making their way downstream. By late Wednesday,

the San Jacinto was at 52 feet (15.8 metres), nearly three feet (a metre) above its flood stage, said Kim Jackson, a spokeswoman for the Harris County Flood Control District.

In Houston, between 800 and 1,400 homes have already been damaged by the flooding. Thousands of homes were also damaged or destroyed in the central Texas corridor that includes Wimberley — 744 of them in San Marcos alone.

This has been the wettest month on record for Texas, even with several days left. The state climatologist's office said Wednesday that Texas has

gotten an average of 7.54 inches (19.15 centimetres) of rain in May, breaking the old record of 6.66 inches (16.92 centimetres), set in June 2004.

While rain is in the forecast the next couple of days for many of the affected areas, the chances for showers are greater during the week-end. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

15m

The height of the San Jacinto River above its flood stage.
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Mailboxes stand along a road covered in flood water from the San Jacinto River, Thursday at Cooper Park in Kingwood, Texas. Although the deadly thunderstorms that lashed much of Texas have tapered off, many cities were still in danger of flooding Thursday as heavy rain from earlier in the week poured downstream, swelling rivers. PAT SULLIVAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CALIFORNIA

Rebates spur saving of water

There's a torrent of Californians taking advantage of rebates for ripping out water-guzzling lawns during the drought, and that's providing a big boost to landscapers.

In Southern California in particular, things are poised to get even better for an industry that was battered by the recession and slow to recover. This week, the board of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California voted to replenish its turf removal and other water conservation programs with \$350 million to meet boom-

ing demand.

In communities across the state, homeowners are swapping out traditional lawns for drought-tolerant plants and shrubs, changing the look of many yards and the business outlook for landscaping and nurseries.

"Where rebates exist, interest is high," said Sandra Garde, executive director of the 2,000-member California Landscape Contractors Association.

The Metropolitan Water District says it has seen monthly rebate applications increase

20-fold since April, when Gov. Jerry Brown imposed mandatory water cuts. The agency currently has requests involving the conversion of about 60,000 front yards.

In Northern California, the Santa Clara County Water District issued rebates for the conversion of 1.2 million square feet of lawn in the first four months of the year, more than all of 2014.

"It's just gangbusters," said Marty Grimes, a district spokesman. "We have people waiting in line." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Kurds inspired in fight against ISIL

SYRIA

Group closing in on Tel Abyad, a hub for militants

In contrast to the Iraqi army's failures, Kurdish fighters in Syria are on the march against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), capturing towns and villages in an oil-rich swath of the country's northeast under the cover of U.S.-led airstrikes.

As the Kurds close in on Tel Abyad, a major commercial centre on the Turkish border, their advance highlights the decisive importance of combining airstrikes with the presence of a cohesive and motivated ally on the ground — so clearly absent in Iraq.

In Syria, a country now split mostly between al-Qaida-style militants and forces loyal to President Bashar Assad, the U.S. has found a reliable

partner in the country's main Kurdish fighting force, known as the YPG. They are moderate, mostly secular fighters, driven by revolutionary fervour and deep conviction in their cause.

Since the beginning of May, they have wrestled back more than 200 Kurdish and Christian towns in northeastern Syria, as well as strategic mountains seized earlier by ISIL. Along the way, they have picked up ammunition, weapons and vehicles left behind by extremists.

The push has gotten them closer to Tel Abyad, a major avenue for commerce for the extremist group, through which it smuggles foreign fighters and sells black-market oil to help fund its conquests. The city

is also a key link between Turkey and the northern Syrian city of Raqqa, ISIL's de-facto capital in its self-declared caliphate.

“The YPG doesn't lack a will to fight, like soldiers in the Syrian army.”

Wladimir van Wilgenburg

“The YPG doesn't lack a will to fight, like soldiers in the Syrian army, or soldiers in the Iraqi army who mostly



Kurdish female fighters of the YPG carry their weapons as they prepare for a battle against Islamic State militants near the village of Mabrouka, in northeast Syria. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

fight for a salary,” said Wladimir van Wilgenburg, a Middle East analyst at the Jamestown Foundation in Washington. “The YPG is much more motivated than other forces in the region, and doesn't lack

cohesion and doesn't have co-ordination problems.”

“The YPG is quite ideological, while the Syrian and Iraqi army aren't very well motivated,” van Wilgenburg added.

The Iraqi military has strug-

gled to make gains after its humiliating defeats last year, when it virtually crumbled in the face of the militant onslaught in northern Iraq. Poor training, corruption and sectarian politics have all been cited as

+ DATES

January

The YPG liberated Kobani from ISIL militants and began a wide offensive in which they regained much of the territory they had lost.

May 6

The Kurdish fighters and their allies launched an offensive from the northeastern province of Hassekeh in less than three weeks, capturing the Aziz mountain along with 221 Kurdish and Christian villages that were held by ISIL.

reasons for the military's shortcomings. The U.S. spent billions of dollars training Iraqi forces from 2003 to 2011, but much of that training did not reach the foot soldiers battling ISIL today.

Last week, U.S. Defence Secretary Ash Carter criticized the Iraqi army following the fall of Ramadi, the strategic capital of the country's largest Sunni province of Anbar, saying the Iraqi military lacked the “will to fight.” THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RESEARCH

Notion of ‘jihadi bride’ dangerous in effort to stop radicalization

The notion that young women are travelling to Syria solely to become “jihadi brides” is simplistic and hinders efforts to prevent other girls from being radicalized, new research suggests.

Young women are joining the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) for many reasons, including anger over the perceived persecution of Muslims and the wish to belong to a sisterhood with similar beliefs, according to a report presented Thursday by the Institute for Strategic Dialogue and the International Center for the Study of Radicalization

at King's College London.

Western societies must understand these varied motivations if they hope to prevent more women from joining the militants and potentially returning to their home nations to commit acts of terrorism, argue the report's authors, Erin Saltman and Melanie Smith.

Thinking of them as all being

550

About 550 young women, some as young as 13, have already travelled to Islamic State-controlled territory, says the report.

brainwashed, innocent girls hinders understanding of the threat they pose.

“They're not being taken seriously,” Smith said. “It's inherently dangerous to label people

with the same brush.”

The report was presented Thursday at a Jihadist Insurgency Conference at King's College. Saltman said women have always been involved in violent

extremism, but that the number of women supporting ISIL is “completely unprecedented.”

“We see a real problem,” she said, citing several factors for the increased numbers, including the direct call ISIL is making for female volunteers, the fact that women are directly recruiting other women online, and the “very fluent, catchy, pop culture” approach the extremists use in their propaganda.

The researchers suggest that while the term “jihadi bride” may be catchy from a media point of view, the young women who are

travelling to Syria see themselves as something more: Pilgrims embarking on a mission to develop the region into an Islamic utopia. Many would like to fight alongside male recruits, but the group's interpretation of Islam relegates them to domestic roles.

“The propaganda is dangerous,” Smith said. “It draws vulnerable or ‘at risk’ individuals into extremist ideologies ... simplifying world conflicts into good versus evil, which allows someone the opportunity of being the ‘hero.’”

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+ DUTIES

The primary responsibility for a woman in ISIL-controlled territory may be to be a good wife and a “mother to the next generation of jihadism,” but the study said that women are also playing a crucial propaganda role for the organization by using social media to bring in more recruits.

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AUTO INDUSTRY

Faulty airbags lead to massive recall

Transport Canada has released a detailed list of vehicles being recalled in Canada due to faulty airbags made by Japan's Takata Corp., saying 1.2 million vehicles in this country are part of the worldwide recall.

The list of affected vehicles was posted online and includes the Honda Civic, Accord, and CR-V, Chrysler products, including the Dodge Ram and the Chrysler 300, BMW sedans and the X5, and Ford's Ranger

and Mustang.

The majority of the affected models are from the 2001 to 2011 model years, although more recent Ford Mustang models are also affected.

The Takata airbag recall began in 2008 over concerns that airbag inflators can explode with too much force, spewing metal shrapnel into drivers or passengers when deployed.

American regulators say six

people have been killed and more than 100 injured due to the problem, though Transport Canada says it has no reports of any deaths or injuries in Canada from consumers or auto manufacturers.

The full list of the 1,242,111 vehicles included in the expanded recall can be found on Ottawa's HealthyCanadians.ca website, while a list of affected models in older recalls for the same issue can be found on

Transport Canada's website.

Affected vehicles include Honda's Civic, Accord, Odyssey, CR-V, Pilot, Element, and Ridgeline models; Acura's TL, CL, MDX, and 1.7EL models; Chrysler's Aspen and 300 models; Dodge's Charger, Magnum, Ram, Dakota, and Durango models; Ford's Ranger and Mustang models; as well as BMW's X5 and 3-series and 5-series models.

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The Northwest Territories government is promoting the morel mushroom harvest as a fleeting but lucrative opportunity.

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Mushroom pickers eye epic harvest

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Record forest fires sparks hope of high morel yield

Campgrounds are full and cars are lined up along a remote section of highway near Kakisa in the Northwest Territories, as residents and southern workers gather for what they hope will be a bumper harvest of a rare delicacy — the morel mushroom.

The territorial government has been promoting the harvest for months as a fleeting but lucrative opportunity in the bush, suggesting hundreds of dollars a day are there literally for the picking. Others warn it's a risky venture.

"There are no guarantees," said John Colford of the N.W.T.'s Department of Indus-

try, Trade and Investment. "But if the mushrooms do arrive, there are opportunities."

Rich, earthy-tasting morels, which pop out of soil burned over by forest fires the previous season, are prized by chefs worldwide. The wrinkly, honeycombed fungi are widely picked across North America, but have only recently been harvested in the N.W.T.

After a record 3.4 million hectares of the territory's forest burned in 2014, hopes are high for an epic yield.

Handbooks passed out at information sessions suggest pickers have made anywhere from \$200 to \$1,000 a day. The territory said the total value of last year's 40-day harvest was between \$6 million and \$10 million.

This year could easily match that, said Colford. Prices in the field currently sit at around \$16 a kilogram.

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metroview

Being Catholic is like being American: an easy butt of jokes

I don't lack reasons to be embarrassed: shiny forehead, very loud voice, a sometimes uptight nature.

Some days, I even have the bonus of being Catholic. It's a bit like being an American — you're an easy butt of jokes.

The Vatican can't go long without sparking controversy, and the pope (any pope) can't go long without inflaming the global public.

Such was the case this week. After Ireland legalized same-sex marriage in a historic referendum, a senior Vatican official said: "I think that you cannot just talk of a defeat for Christian principles but of a defeat for humanity."

How ridiculous, and (perhaps inevitably) aggrandizing. A defeat for humanity is worsening climate change. A defeat for humanity is nuclear war. Even if you don't support same-sex marriage (I do), allowing it doesn't come with such dire consequences.

That's far from my first, or likely last, embarrassment.

Last month, Pope Francis defended women's rights, while completely ignoring the deeply ingrained patriarchy of the church. He's also warned Catholics they don't need to "breed like rabbits." Thanks for the tip.

And that's not to mention the church's horrific sexual abuse scandal or the corruption and infighting revealed in the document dump

known as Vatileaks.

The Vatican can seem like it's aging out of relevance, obsessed with old rules over modern reality. It seems like an echo from another century.

That's why Pope Francis' election felt liberating. He's humble, focused more on poverty than abortion.

He is a bit like President Barack Obama. Both leaders came in on the winds of change and replaced staunch right-wing leaders.

Since both took office, their supporters have suffered disappointments. Yes, Pope Francis' gay-friendly, pro-environment stance gives me hope. Yes, Obama passed universal health care. But change hasn't been dramatic or instant under either leader. Both also have many opponents within their own ranks. Obama doesn't speak for all Americans. The Vatican doesn't speak for all Catholics.

Take Diarmuid Martin. The Archbishop of Dublin saw Ireland's referendum as a criticism of Catholicism, not of humanity.

"We have to stop and have a reality check, not move into denial of the realities," he told media.

They're not a ringing endorsement of equality — Martin does not want the church's definition of marriage changed — but his words are, at least, not embarrassing.

Happy face/Sad face

From **digital demons** to **Inuit archives**, Metro weighs in on the news making headlines this week



True North strong and free?

According to American middle schoolers, the Canadian national anthem needs some revision. On a standardized civics test of 29,000 Grade 8 students, one-third answered that Canada, Australia and France "are controlled by the military," "discourage citizen participation" or "have leaders with absolute power." The correct multiple-choice response was that all three countries have power-limiting constitutions. CBC/CA



Reward offered for Syria's loneliest bird

Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) has been blamed for yet another atrocity: the possible extinction of a rare bird in Palmyra, Syria. It's home to the only wild northern bald ibis outside of Morocco, a female named Zenobia who hasn't been seen since 2013. When Palmyra fell to ISIL, guards protecting three captive ibises — part of a conservation effort — fled. A Lebanese charity has offered \$1,000 for info about Zenobia's whereabouts. BBC.COM



Charlie, Charlie, gravity is spookoo

A freaky fad stole social media's soul this week. The Charlie Charlie Challenge originated as a Mexican playground game. To play, you cross two pencils on a piece of paper marked with "yes" and "no," say "Charlie, Charlie," and ask a question. If "Charlie" is there, the pencils will move and indicate an answer. The game purportedly summons a traditional Mexican "demon" named Charlie — though no such legend exists. THE NATIONAL POST



Nameless in the North no more

Black-and-white photos with grim faces and no names take on new meaning when they're part of someone's story. A tool has launched to help Inuit families search Library and Archives Canada's online trove of pictures from Canada's North, some a century old or more. The crowd-sourced Project Naming, which is also launching on Facebook, asks people to identify loved ones and ancestors to help keep indigenous history alive. CBC NORTH

Butter and eggs bust out after years in the cooler

THE KOHLER REPORT

Rebecca Kohler



I read an article this week about a recent study that says pedalling backward in a cycle-fit class is "better exercise" than pedalling forward. The news depressed me. That might not sound as depressing as some of the other stuff that's going on in the world — like global warming or war or the fact that Josh Dugger from 19 Kids has "made some very bad mistakes" — but to me it was an exhausting tidbit of information.

I find most things that follow the phrase "according to a recent study" irritating, because they often undermine something I thought I was doing right. Like, I take cycle-fit sometimes and, when I do,

I pedal forward. While I used to pat myself on the back for trying to stay active, now I'll be thinking, "Forward pedalling? Pfft. What a loser."

Sure, if I saw the headline "Study finds poutine to be high in calories," I wouldn't be mad. I never eat poutine and think, "Good for you, Rebecca!" (If I'm eating poutine, I'm probably too drunk to think — am I right, folks?)

But so many studies tell me that a good thing I'm doing could be better. It's as if every headline I read is something a passive-aggressive character would say in the movie Mean Girls: "Oh, you eat red apples? Cool. Green ones actually have fewer calories."

I'm aware that studies are important and have led to such societal improvements as cures for diseases. We need studies, I totes get it. But also,

like, shut up, you know?

Because here's the other thing about many study findings: Later studies prove them wrong. Take the other new study I read this week, which found eggs and butter aren't that bad for us after all. This after years of "Butter will kill you. Egg yolks are bad. I'm going to irritate this waitress and order an egg-white omelette." Reading the new study, I pictured egg and butter as a couple of wrongly convicted criminals, walking free from prison after being exonerated. Toast was there (he's on probation) leaning up against a car, waiting to drive them straight into my stomach.

I don't know whether it's that they're doing more studies today or that the Internet just likes to smear the studies all over my eyeballs, but I wish there was an app that

I'm aware that studies are important and have led to things like cures for diseases — like, we need studies, I totes get it. But also, like, shut up, you know?

could block them.

Because, let's face it, in a few years, studies will probably find that pedalling backward turns you into a witch.

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RETROSPECTIVE

People forget, but this isn't director's only criticized film

IN FOCUS

Richard Crouse



For years Cameron Crowe could do no wrong. As the screenwriter of *Fast Times at Ridgemont High* (based on his book of the same name) and director of *Say Anything* and *Singles*, he became what *The New York Times* called, “a cinematic spokesman for the post-baby boom generation.”

His biggest hit, *Jerry Maguire* was a romantic comedy that gave Renée Zellweger a career, Cuba Gooding Jr. an Oscar and us the catchphrase, “Show me the money!”

Then came his acknowledged masterpiece *Almost Famous*, the semi-autobiographical story of a young music journalist on the road with a band at an age when most kids still had a curfew.

He was a critical darling with box-office clout but then came a string of films that failed to connect with audiences.

This weekend he's back with *Aloha*, an “action romance” starring Bradley Cooper as a military contractor stationed with the U.S. Space program in Honolulu who reconnects with a past love (Rachel McAdams) while developing feelings



Aloha isn't the only not-amazing movie Cameron Crowe ever made, Richard Crouse reminds us. HANDOUT

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

San Andreas ★
Aloha ★★
I'll See You in My Dreams ★★★★★
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for a stern Air Force watchdog (Emma Stone).

Pre-release, the film may be

best known as the subject of a brutal Amy Pascal email.

In the Sony hack, leaked cor-

respondence from the former SPE co-chairman suggested she was not happy with the movie.

“I don't care how much I love the director and the actors,” she said, “it never, not even once, ever works.”

Variety recently reported that the film has been recut since Pascal's scathing review and quotes a current Sony executive as saying, “Is it *Say Anything* or *Jerry Maguire*? Probably not, but

is it a really entertaining movie for an audience? Yes, it is.”

Moviegoers will decide the fate of *Aloha*, but its release begs for a reassessment of Crowe's recent, less successful films.

A remake of the Spanish film *Open Your Eyes*, 2001's *Vanilla Sky* starred three of Hollywood's hottest stars of the moment, Tom Cruise, Cameron Diaz and Penelope Cruz in a dark

thriller about a self-obsessed playboy whose life is turned upside down after reconstructive surgery on his face.

The surreal blend of romance and sci-fi threw critics off, but a another viewing a decade after its release reveals a daring movie that examines regret, desire and mortality.

An enjoyable darkly comic romance, *Elizabethtown* got trounced by critics (it currently sits at 28 per cent on Rotten Tomatoes) but is a great showcase for star Kirsten Dunst.

She is frequently good in films, but here she really steals this movie as the cute and kooky stewardess who has several unforgettable moments — when she tells Bloom (Orlando Bloom) to stop trying to break up with her and her giggly reaction when Bloom asks her a personal question on the telephone.

Without her performance the trip to *Elizabethtown* wouldn't be nearly as much fun.

Finally, *We Bought a Zoo*, the story of a widower who swallows his grief by buying a zoo and finding love, shouldn't work. It's too sentimental and manipulative by half, but luckily Matt Damon is there to ground the flighty story.

A postscript (and no, I'm not going to tell you what it is) that even Steven Spielberg would find schmaltzy, works because star Damon hits all the right notes and Crowe's dialogue sings. A father-and-son argument is a showstopper and you'll likely never use the word “whatever” again without thinking of this movie.

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Dwayne Johnson plays the hero in disaster flick



Ned Ehrbar
 Metro | Life

Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson recently received a letter from a big-name fan, and it’s been making him think back a lot to his childhood.

“When I was 8 years old, I saw *Raiders of the Lost Ark* in Charlotte, North Carolina. I walked out of there so inspired. I loved the movie and I knew I wanted to be that guy — charming, cool, kicks ass, cool with the ladies — but I had no connection to Hollywood. So to be sitting here today, I’m grateful and very happy,” Johnson says.

“And I received a letter from that gentleman who directed *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. Very cool. He reached out and he said a lot of cool, motivating things.”

Johnson is in the midst of promoting *San Andreas*, a Holly-

wood action flick in which he plays a Los Angeles Fire Department rescue pilot facing off against the biggest earthquake in California history. It’s not exactly Indiana Jones, but he clearly overcame that whole no-connection-to-Hollywood thing.

For Johnson, even when making a big, loud summer action spectacle, it’s important that the science is right. And even though U.S. Geological Survey seismologist Dr. Lucy Jones heavily criticized the film after being invited by the studio to see it — “Bottom line: Don’t learn seismology from ‘*San Andreas*,’” she tweeted — Johnson insists that as far as he knows everything on screen passes muster.

“We had the best seismologists, top scientists and earthquake scientists from CalTech and USC pore over the script, challenge the script and then ultimately walk away from it saying, ‘This could happen. We hope it doesn’t, but it could happen,’” he insists.

And, of course, serious earthquakes did recently occur on the other side of the world in Nepal. And that kind of front-and-centre current event can make turning natural disaster into big-screen entertainment a dicey prospect.

“We made the movie knowing and understanding the content of it. These things happen,” Johnson says.

“It was so unfortunate, incredibly unfortunate. Our prayers and thoughts continue to go out to everybody in Nepal and everybody who was affected by that. But, you know, the truth is you go into a project like this with everything you’ve got — your heart and your soul — and you just want to make a good movie.”

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Checking out the sights and bites in colourful L.A.

THE TV DINNER

Jessica Allen



Besides being film luminaries, what do Marilyn Monroe, Greta Garbo and Elizabeth Taylor have in common? They all once lived at the Sunset Tower in West Hollywood. So, too, did John Wayne. He even kept a cow on his terrace so he could provide guests with fresh milk.

I was craving a taste of old Hollywood — both literally and figuratively — when I recently visited Los Angeles. So I called the art deco tower, now a hotel, home for two luxurious nights. If only those walls could talk.

The walls of the Frolic Room, one decorated by the New York caricaturist Al Hirschfeld, seem to whisper of the bar's glory days from the 1930s. It eventually morphed into "Hollywood's best dive bar," according to LA Weekly, and "one of the only places (screenwriter Charles) Bukowski obsessives agree that he actually haunted."

Longtime bartender Gita Bull, who probably served Bukowski himself, served me my \$6 drink. Rumour has it that she brings in egg salad sandwiches from



The Sunset Tower in West Hollywood was once home to many a starlet. PHOTOS BY JESSICA ALLEN; STARLET PHOTOGRAPHS: FILE PHOTOS

home for those that might need to line their stomachs. As James Brown played, about a dozen locals drank their pints and sipped their Jack.

Who says you can't have a Reuben for breakfast? Nobody at Canter's Deli on North Fairfax. The art deco room looks cinematic; no wonder it's featured in movies and TV. Regulars know staff members by name. But you don't have to be a regular for the staff to call you "honey." I overheard my server telling a patron about some of the notables who'd visited — Diana Ross, President Obama. Nicholas Cage apparently met his first wife here.

Right before I checked out

of the Sunset Tower, I took one last peek into the Tower Bar, where Hollywood's most illustrious movers and shakers come to unwind, thanks in large part to the no-photo policy. Hotel ambassador Tim Cunningham had earlier walked me through the space, which was Bugsy Siegel's old apartment, and pointed out the photographs of long-gone vaudevillians that line the walls. Most had never really made it. But in a way, Cunningham said, considering who sits in this room night after night, they finally had.

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's The Social.



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THE WORD FROM THE BIRD

DOCUMENTARY

Caroll Spinney talks about being Big Bird for almost half a century



Richard Crouse
MetroLife

Big Bird is, arguably, one of the best-known characters on the planet but how much do we really know about him? We know he's yellow, eight feet two inches tall, and lives in a large nest behind 123 Sesame Street — but the rest is murky. A new documentary, *I Am Big Bird*, exposes Caroll Spinney, the man who has spent 45 years beneath the Muppet's felt and feathers and knows the bird better than anyone. Spinney is Big Bird and Big Bird is Spinney.

Muppet mastermind Jim Henson created Big Bird, but Spinney says, "I was given a lot of freedom to create the kind of guy he is. He's a person like I was as a kid, except he doesn't get pushed around as much. 'I was the smallest boy in my class so there is a lot of satisfaction playing the largest character who's ever been on television. 'To be loved like a little child but be eight-feet-two, what a strange accomplishment.'"

Caroll's relationship with Big Bird lasted longer than his first marriage, which blew up because his then-wife was

"embarrassed" by his career choice, but Spinney calls his job "a dream come true. 'From the moment I first became aware of television I knew I wanted to be on TV regularly for children. So many of the things that have happened for me have been things I dreamed of doing.' As for retiring? 'I can't imagine it,' he says. 'It keeps me young.'"

Underneath Big Bird's feathers is a device called "an electric bra" strapped to Spinney's chest so he can see what's happening outside the feathers.

"We call it that just as a joke," says Spinney. "It's really a TV monitor, a tiny little television set. We have a new one now, an LED monitor and it is too big. It takes up room and it is robbing me of space for the scripts inside."

Caroll is President Obama's ninth cousin, but Big Bird isn't political in the least. "Big Bird, I'm told by the owners of him, does not have political opinions. I thought of an idea that would get around that problem if someone (ever asked about it). 'I don't know who that is,' he says in Big's voice. 'I thought we had a king.' In most fairy tales, lands are run by kings or queens."

NASA invited Big Bird to be a passenger on the doomed Space Shuttle Challenger to get kids interested in the space program. "I said, 'Yes, I'd love to go.' About a month later they found out there was no place on the craft to put Big Bird. I realized it would be dangerous, but who could picture what actually happened?"



Caroll Spinney, left, and Muppet costume designer Kermit Love take a break on the set of the Muppet Movie in 1978. CONTRIBUTED



Big Bird has worked with plenty of talent over the years, including Janelle Monae. CONTRIBUTED

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Walk Off the Earth singer Sarah Blackwood with her partner Gianni Nicassio and their son Giorgio. HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Singer kicked off flight over crying baby

SARAH BLACKWOOD Airline cites safety concerns in removal of pregnant mom

Walk Off the Earth singer Sarah Blackwood says she wants compensation and an apology after being kicked off a United Airlines flight because her young child was being fussy.

The Burlington, Ont.-based musician, who is seven months pregnant, said it happened while she and her nearly two-year-old son were on a United plane operated by regional carrier SkyWest Airlines on Wednesday.

They were on the tarmac to fly from San Francisco to Vancouver. Her son is still considered an infant by the airline's standards and therefore was able to sit in her lap free of charge.

Before leaving the gate, her son was tired and was "crying really loud and squirming," said Blackwood.

That's when a flight attendant told her: "You have to control your child."

"The only thing I can do to stop him from moving around is hold him with my arms, which was what I was doing," Blackwood said in a telephone interview on Thursday.

"I said, 'OK, yeah, absolutely.' ... I would never refuse to do anything on an airplane," she added, noting she's on tour with the band and frequently flies to perform.

"I don't want to cause a scene, ever, it just makes my life harder."

Blackwood said she was in a window seat and apologized to the man sitting beside her.

"The flight attendant came back up to me again and told me that if I couldn't control my child, they would ask me to leave the plane," she said.

"I didn't really know what she meant by 'control my child.' I mean, he's not an animal, you can't sedate children."

"I had him in my lap and he was screaming, he was loud, but I had him in my lap and I was holding on to him."

Blackwood said her son cried for about seven minutes and fell asleep as they were taxiing on the runway. But before takeoff, the plane returned to the gate.

Blackwood said when they got to the gate, an airline representative asked her to leave the flight.

"At this point I was in tears but I just said, 'OK,'" she said.

"I woke up my son up and as I was leaving there were a few passengers that stood up and said, 'This is ridiculous, I can't believe you're doing this to her.'"

"I actually had one lady on the flight gather some emails for me of the other passengers, and while she was doing that they also threatened to kick her off the plane."

SkyWest said the airline made the decision to remove Blackwood and her child from the flight "based solely on safety concerns."

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CRIMINAL CASES

Lilo finally boots probation to the curb

For the first time in nearly eight years, Lindsay Lohan is not on probation.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Mark Young on Thursday ended Lohan's probation in a reckless driving case, closing the last of a series of L.A. criminal cases that have dogged the actress for years.

Young said he reviewed community service logs and determined Lohan, 28,

completed her sentence. He praised Lohan's attorney, Shawn Holley, telling her she did an excellent job getting the actress to complete the hours in recent weeks.

Unlike many previous proceedings in her criminal cases, Lohan was not present for the hearing.

Resolving the reckless driving case was not without its hiccups — Lohan missed a deadline last year

to complete her community service, and a prosecutor criticized her efforts, noting she was given credit for meeting fans of a London stage play and other questionable activities. A judge earlier this year ordered Lohan to redo 125 hours of service.

Over the years, the actress was briefly jailed five times and sentenced to rehab for a variety of vio-

lations ranging from failing to perform her community service to skipping counselling sessions.

Since 2007, Lohan was convicted in three cases — a drunken driving and drug case, a theft case filed over a stolen necklace, and a reckless driving case.

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TV's lame riffs on old films

NETWORK TREND

Movie-based shows that make TV extra unoriginal this fall

Brian Gasparek
For Metro Life

When did TV get so unoriginal? Aside from a handful of cable gems, the majority of popular shows these days revolve around repetitive competitions, countless superhero shows, formulaic reality TV and a heck of a lot of pawning. And sadly, after glancing at the lineup of shows that are set to debut later this year, it looks like TV about to get even less original thanks to a new trend.

Following in the footsteps of *The Odd Couple* from earlier this year, four of the biggest TV shows premiering this fall are all lifting their premise directly from old movies. This trend of reusing films to create new show ideas seems to be the latest form of creative apathy that's plaguing the big three networks. And whether we like the trend or not, it's happening. Sigh.

Here's a look at the four big movie-based shows premiering this fall and why we really don't need them.



Rush Hour

CBS is cranking out a *Rush Hour* show based on the dreadfully unfunny buddy cop films starring Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker. Although none of the three *Rush Hour* films were well received by critics, they still somehow made a ton of cash.

Rush Hour's premise will just mimic the films, but the less expensive Jon Foo and Justin Hires will replace Chan and Tucker. *Rush Hour*'s film director and movie-disaster mastermind Brett Ratner will be producing the show, which should ensure a similar quality to the films. Lucky us. We get more bad jokes with less star power. Perfect.



Minority Report

Fox is hoping it can flip 2002's Steven Spielberg/Tom Cruise big money blockbuster *Minority Report* in a prime-time TV hit.

The show will be based in the film's world, revolving around a detective and a "pre-cog" that solve weekly crimes together. Wait, doesn't that just sound like *Bones* in the future? Snooze.

With a TV-sized budget, Fox's bad sci-fi track record and the show's played-out sounding premise, there's no possible way this show can live up to the movie's hype with fans. So why bother?



Limitless

CBS is actually recycling two films. In addition to *Rush Hour*, the network will turn Bradley Cooper's 2011 sci-fi movie *Limitless* into a show. In all fairness, this one may have some potential.

Produced by Cooper, the show stars Jake McDorman as a new NZT drug addict who uses his enhanced brainpower to help the FBI crack cases. Cooper will reprise his film role as Eddie Morra in several episodes.

Jadedness aside, *Limitless* might be more of a film continuation on television than just a recycled idea. Maybe it's worth a shot?



Uncle Buck

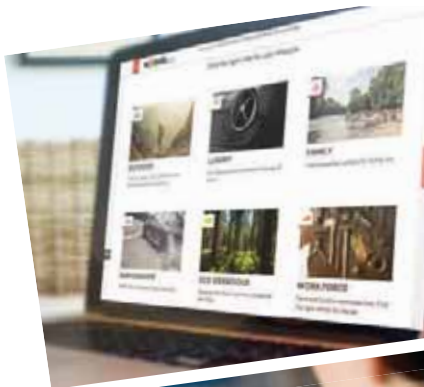
This is absolutely the worst idea. ABC's *Uncle Buck* is a cheesy sounding family sitcom named after John Candy's 1989 classic comedy. The show has nothing to do with the film, aside from the fact it features an uncle named "Buck" (played by Mike Epps) that moves in with his brother and looks after his kids.

The worst part about the show is that it's being produced by the guys that made *MadTV*. Oh boy. Epps and the *MadTV* guys butchering a classic for no apparent reason. At least call it something else. Poor John Candy is rolling over in his grave.

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Demi Lovato shares her story about being bipolar

CAMPAIGN

Be Vocal: Speak Up For Mental Illness is a new initiative

When Demi Lovato was diagnosed with bipolar disorder, she was actually relieved.

"Growing up, I felt very, very depressed," she said. "Even though I was playing concerts and living out my dream, I couldn't tell you why I was upset."

After a family intervention, she sought treatment and learned she had a mental illness.

"I remember smiling and thinking great, 'OK, so there's not anything wrong with me as a person,'" she said in a recent interview. "It's actually just a condition that I have and I can do something to fix it. I don't have to be like this forever."

Lovato is sharing her story and encouraging others to do the same through Be Vocal: Speak Up For Mental Health, an initiative launched Thursday by a pharmaceutical company, the National Alliance on Mental Illness and other mental-health advocacy groups. Its aim is to improve treatment options at all levels and erase the stigma around mental illnesses.

"It's not something that anyone should be ashamed of," Lovato said. "The more people talk about it, the more people can come out and get the help they need."

Be Vocal is as much about sufferers voicing their treatment needs as it is about families and communities speaking up for better resources to meet those needs, she said.

Lovato's improved mental state is reflected in her work.

"I'd say my music is a lot happier now!" she said with a laugh.

The 23-year-old entertainer said she's recording a new album, which she plans to release on Safehouse Records, the new label that she and partners Nick Jonas and her manager, Phil McIntyre, announced earlier this week.

And she'll continue to advocate for mental health, to make depression and other mental illnesses as easy to discuss as diabetes or the flu.

"I didn't understand why I was going through what I was when I was dealing with all of this, and I realized I could share my story and help others," she said. "If that's my purpose for being on Earth, than that's what I want to do."

"There's so much more to life than just singing."

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PAN AM GAMES

Serena sings a song for everyone



Serena Ryder has lent her voice to the Toronto 2015 Pan Am Games' official song, Together We Are One. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadian artist Serena Ryder has lent her voice to the official song of the Toronto 2015 Pan Am and Parapan Am Games.

The Games' organizing committee and official broadcaster CBC announced the release of Together We Are One in a news release Thursday. The song was selected from a pool of 70 submissions.

The English version of Together We Are One was recorded by Ryder, a multiple Juno Award-

winning singer/songwriter.

"Together We Are One unites everybody, regardless of who they're rooting for," Ryder said in a statement. "It's their song. It's everyone's song."

The song was written by Murray Daigle, Jasmine Denham and Bobby John, and produced by Daigle.

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The trail takes travellers through forest, orchards, ranchland, and then, in the southern portion, through spectacular sagebrush canyons with black lava cliffs.

Visitors can cycle along the trail, starting at the upper end, about 600 vertical metres above the endpoint in Weiser. (Heading in the other direction would be an uphill journey.)

The Pacific & Idaho Northern railroad company, or P&IN, blazed the trail through the landscape around the turn of the 19th century, reaching the small town of Council in 1901, according to a recent history of the area by Dale Fisk, the editor of the local Adams County Record newspaper.

The railroad was built to take travellers between the city of Boise and the small towns of Weiser, Midvale, Council and Cambridge.



Bicycle bridges populate the Weiser River Trail in central Idaho. ANNE WALLACE ALLEN VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Days it will take recreational cyclists to ride the entire Weiser River Trail. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It carried Gold Rush fortune-hunters up to the mountains, and brought copper ore from the mountain's mines back to the city.

Things are a little quieter on the trail these days. Union Pacific deeded the right-of-way to the non-profit group Friends of the Weiser River Trail in August 1997, and the Friends have worked hard to maintain the rail bed for runners, walkers,

hunters and bikers.

The upper end of the trail starts off on an unmarked dirt road just off Highway 95 near the small town of New Meadows. It quickly enters the woods, passing over streams on exquisite trestle bridges that have been remade for bicyclists. The trail passes by the Tamarack Lumber Mill and its colossal log yard before heading away from the road.

Riding the Weiser River Trail is serene, but it isn't easy. The Friends group uses a mechanical roller to flatten the terrain, but they can't pave it;

not only do they not have the money, but some of their most fervent supporters ride horses on it. So for bikers, the terrain is packed dirt, soft enough to slow progress, and is occasionally studded with rocks. Cattle gates cause frequent stops.

But the beauty and surprises of travelling so far from roads more than make up for the labour of riding the bumps. Around Fruitvale, overloaded apple trees lined the trail. A local man who was collecting apples said the trees were from Fruitvale's days as a minor orchard area.

The trail also passes unexpectedly through a tidy water-bottling operation housed in stone buildings owned by Whole Foods, the grocery store chain.


The enticing thing about the trail is it travels to places few people ever get to see, through river valleys that look almost untouched by humans, through cattle pastures where the animals and green trees appear recently washed by the rain. It also runs deep into Owyhee canyonlands, where birds of prey, elk, mule deer and bear shelter.

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It may be not be an actual medical diagnosis, but travellers to Europe often complain of castle fatigue. The best prescription is to avoid the crowds and hype and visit hidden gems.

2 **Château d'Angers**

Château d'Angers was founded in the ninth century and expanded to its current size in the 13th century. In the heart of Angers, France, this austere castle is surrounded by a massive moat with deer living in it and is home to the oldest and largest collection of medieval tapestries in the world. The 14th-century Apocalypse Tapestry is considered one of France's priceless treasures.



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3 **State Castle and Chateau Český Krumlov**

The State Castle and Chateau Český Krumlov, three hours south of Prague in the Czech Republic, is on UNESCO's World Cultural Heritage Monuments list. Erected on a rock promontory over the Vltava river, the massive complex consists of 40 buildings and palaces situated around five castle courts and a park spanning seven hectares. Take the castle's self-guided audio tour and then head into the town below for a cup of mead at the Two Marys pub and restaurant.



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4 **Paleis Het Loo**

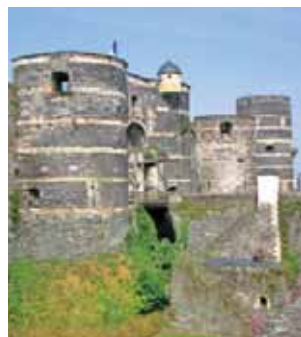
Paleis Het Loo, in the Dutch town of Apeldoorn, is a former royal residence occupied for three centuries by the royal family of the Netherlands. The interior is full of royal artifacts, starting with the palace's first inhabitants, Willem III, stadholder-king, and Queen Mary II of England. It is fascinating as it was only recently vacated and turned into a museum. The 17th-century gardens are reminiscent of Versailles.



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1 **Eltz Castle**

The 850-year-old Eltz Castle is one of only two castles in Germany that were never damaged by war. Sitting on a steep rock in a hidden wooded valley close to the Moselle river, the castle is adorned with 15th-century murals and original furniture. Take note of the carved rose above the doorway in the dining room; the rose of silence ensured anything said in the room would be kept in confidence.



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Sparkling reno

The world-famous Swarovski Crystal Worlds (Swarovski Kristallwelten) in Wattens, Austria, has re-opened after a \$45-million expansion, just in time for its 20th anniversary, and the 120th anniversary of Swarovski itself. International architects and designers

took part in creating a new park with new installations and buildings, redesigning many others. Visit Kristallwelten.Swarovski.com.

Bucket List: Ecuador

This South American country is like four places in one: You get the Pacific coast,

the Andes Mountains with its active volcanoes, the Amazon rain forest packed with wildlife, and the iconic Galapagos Islands, all in one package. Hike along a crater lake, take a chocolate tour or brave the steep train ride down Devil's Nose. Visit Ecuador.Travel. DOUG WALLACE

FLORIDA

Orlando to get new park, coaster

Universal Orlando Resort is building a water park while SeaWorld Orlando plans to build a roller-coaster that will race as fast as 117 km/h when it opens next year.

Construction has begun on Volcano Bay at Universal Orlando Resort. The new park

is expected to open in 2017. It will join Universal Studios Florida and Universal's Islands of Adventure at the Orlando theme park.

Universal said the water park will be an immersive experience themed on "picture-postcard tropical islands."

It will be located within Universal Orlando Resort, just south of the Cabana Bay Beach Resort.

At SeaWorld, the new 60-metre tall ride will be called Mako, officials said, and it will be the tallest and fastest coaster in the city. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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IN BRIEF

Seven to join Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame

The Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame will welcome seven inductees this year.

The class of 2015 will feature Olympic bronze medal-winning boxer Ray Downey of Halifax, CIS record-holding quarterback and Saint Mary's Huskies alumnus Chris Flynn, Paralympic and world championship-winning swimmer Andrew Haley of North Sydney, all-around Canadian champion gymnast David Kikuchi of Fall River, Junior A hockey builder Jim Bottomley of Halifax, Cape Breton athletics builder Lowell Cormier of New Waterford and the 1995 Dalhousie Tigers men's soccer team, the only Nova Scotian squad to win a CIS championship.

The induction ceremony is set for Nov. 14 at the World Trade and Convention Centre in Halifax.

Visit nshhf.com for more information.

KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE/METRO

Saint Mary's to honour Davis, Turner, Galloway

Two hockey players and a soccer coach will enter the Saint Mary's University Sport Hall of Fame this fall.

The Halifax post-secondary school announced Thursday that Malcolm (Mac) Davis from Tidnish, an Amherst Ramblers star player who later led the Huskies to a national championship appearance; the late Dale Turner who won four straight AUAA hockey titles with Saint Mary's; and Stewart Galloway, who led SMU to seven AUS titles and is a former CIS Coach of the Year, will all be honoured at the Oct. 17 ceremony during alumni weekend.

Visit smuhuskies.ca for more information.

KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE/METRO

Bulls fire coach Thibodeau

The Chicago Bulls fired Tom Thibodeau on Thursday, saying a change was needed from the strong-willed coach who took his team to the playoffs in each of his five seasons.

NBA's Coach of the Year in 2011 went 255-139 (.647 winning percentage) with the Bulls. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lightning don't care for Rangers' Game 7 history

NHL PLAYOFFS

New York hasn't lost seventh, deciding match at home rink

The legend of Madison Square Garden doesn't intimidate the Tampa Bay Lightning. Neither does the New York Rangers' recent streak of Game 7 victories there.

"It's still the same game, still the same measurements of any other rink," defenceman Victor Hedman said.

Lightning coach Jon Cooper won't pull out the measuring tape like Gene Hackman did in the movie Hoosiers to show that The World's Most Famous Arena has a 200-by-85-foot ice surface, just like every other NHL arena. He and his players are distancing themselves, however, from the Rangers' Game 7 success and hope to end that run Friday night with a trip to the Stanley Cup final at stake.

"We haven't been a part of that history, so it doesn't affect us," Cooper said on a conference call Wednesday. "I guess you look back and it's an impressive feat to see what they've done. But they haven't done it against our group and our team, and we've got a pretty young, confident group."

Tampa Bay's confidence



Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist stops a shot from Lightning right-winger Ryan Callahan as James Sheppard defends during Game 6 of the Eastern Conference final on Tuesday night in Tampa. PHELAN M. EBENHACK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

stems from its 3-1 record at Madison Square Garden this season, including two victories in three tries so far in the Eastern Conference final. Hedman called it a "hostile environment" and a tough building to play in but boasted that the Lightning are comfortable playing there.

So are the Rangers, especial-

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Henrik Lundqvist is 6-1 with a 0.97 goals-against average and .966 save percentage in Game 7 situations

ly in high-pressure situations. They've played a Game 7 four times at MSG dating back to 2012, and won 2-1 each time.

They beat the Washington Capitals in overtime last round, the Philadelphia Flyers last year and the Ottawa Senators and Capitals in 2012.

"Game 7s are so exciting to

+ IN ANAHEIM

Ducks and Blackhawks to square off one last time

Two weeks of extraordinarily high-level hockey in the Western Conference final conclude at the Honda Center on Saturday night when the Anaheim Ducks and the Chicago Blackhawks play Game 7 for a trip to the Stanley Cup final.

Both teams used Thursday for travel and mental preparation for the big finish after Chicago staved off elimination with a 5-2 victory in Game 6.

"It's for sure the most exciting series I've ever been a part of personally," said Ducks defenceman Francois Beauchemin, a Stanley Cup champion with 96 games of NHL playoff experience.

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play on that ice, and the fans seem to just absolutely light that building up," New York centre Derek Stepan. "You play all year to get home-ice advantage, and that's what we're able to do this year."

All-time, the Rangers have never lost a home Game 7.

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MEMORIAL CUP

Verrier, Remparts capsize Oceanic



The Remparts' Aaron Dutra, left, and the Oceanic's Jeremy Lepine collide on Thursday night. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jerome Verrier scored twice and the Quebec Remparts turned the tables on the Rimouski Oceanic with a 5-2 victory in the tiebreaker game at the Memorial Cup on Thursday night.

Adam Erne, Anthony Duclair and Marc-Olivier Roy also scored for Quebec, which had lost its six previous meetings with Rimouski at the Pepsi Colisee including a 4-0 defeat on Wednesday night in round robin play. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Sharks hire DeBoer

The San Jose Sharks have officially hired former New Jersey and Florida coach Peter DeBoer to replace the departed Todd McLellan.

The team made the announcement at a news conference Thursday.

The decision to hire DeBoer ends a lengthy search that started April 20 when the team and McLellan announced that he would not be back for an eighth season in San Jose. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL

Bylsma fills Sabres' coaching vacancy

A week after losing out on Mike Babcock, the Buffalo Sabres went with another experienced Stanley Cup winner by hiring Dan Bylsma to become their next coach.

The hiring was announced Thursday, after the former Pittsburgh Penguins coach spent a second consecutive day meeting with Sabres owners Terry and Kim Pegula and general manager Tim Murray in Buffalo.

Because Bylsma was still



Dan Bylsma
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under contract with Pittsburgh after being relieved of his duties a year ago, the Sabres were expected to send the Penguins a future draft pick in exchange for the coach, whose contract with the Penguins ran through June 2016. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Putin weighs in on FIFA scandal

SOCCER

U.S. is trying to take World Cup off Russia, hints president

Russian President Vladimir Putin accused the United States of meddling in FIFA's affairs and hinted that it was part of an attempt to take the 2018 World Cup away from his country.

Putin said in televised comments Thursday that he found it "odd" that the probe was launched at the request of U.S.

officials for crimes which do not involve its citizens and did not happen in the USA.

Corruption charges in the U.S. were announced Wednesday against 14 people, with at least two of them holding American citizenship. Seven of the 14 were arrested Wednesday morning in Zurich ahead of a FIFA meeting and Friday's presidential election in which Sepp Blatter is expected to win a fifth term.

In a separate probe, Swiss prosecutors opened criminal proceedings into FIFA's awarding of the 2018 World Cup to Russia and the 2022 tournament to Qatar.

Putin said even if "someone

has done something wrong," Russia "has nothing to do with it." He then tried to portray the probe as a U.S. attempt to go after dissenters, likening the case to the persecution of whistleblowers Julian Assange and Edward Snowden.

"Our American counterparts, unfortunately, are using the same methods to reach their goals and illegally persecute people. I don't rule out that this is the case in relation to FIFA," Putin said. "I have no doubt that this is yet another evident attempt to derail Mr. Blatter's re-election as FIFA president."

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Russian president Vladimir Putin believes the U.S. probe is another attempt to derail Sepp Blatter's re-election as FIFA president. ALEXANDER NEMENOV/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

Honduran Hawit to replace disgraced Webb as CONCACAF president

Alfredo Hawit of Honduras has been appointed acting president of CONCACAF.

The announcement was made Thursday by the executive committee of soccer's governing body for North and Central America and the Caribbean, one day after CONCACAF president Jeffrey Webb was arrested in Switzerland and indicted in the U.S. on charges of racketeering, money laundering and wire fraud.

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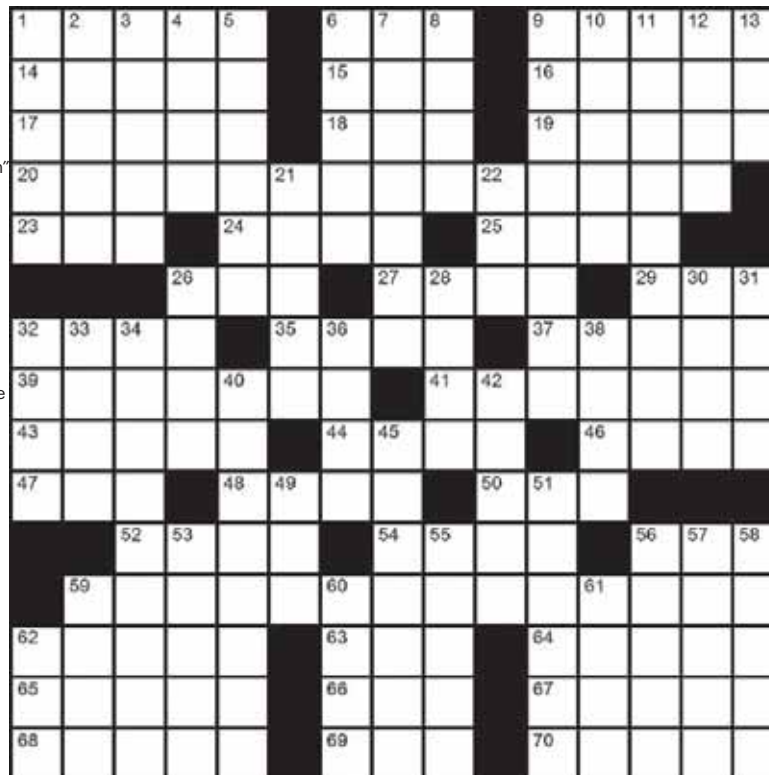
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4. Island of the Marianas

5. 1984 Tom Hanks/Daryl Hannah movie
6. Village in northwestern Alberta
7. Combo continent
8. Original matter, in Cosmology
9. Canadian dairy products brand
10. Between-buildings-spot

11. Business channel coming to Canada
12. Zippo ...mais en francais
13. poet mr. cummings'
21. Scold
22. "That's gross!"
26. Use the Xerox
28. ___ empty stomach: 2 wds.
30. Currency exchange fee
31. Chimneysweep's swept stuff
32. Fleck
33. Cravings
34. Winnie-the-Pooh: Lieutenant Harry ___ V.S. (Canadian veterinarian who gave the bear 'Winnipeg' to the London Zoo in WWI)
36. Medical condition suffix
38. Mai ___ (Cocktails)
40. Air freshener scent
42. Fingers-crossed ticket
45. Canadian distiller, Joseph E. ___ (b.1841 - d.1919)
49. Tycoon Mr. 'O'
51. Sandwich sort
53. Mr. Schwarzenegger, to fans
55. Salad green
56. Equate
57. Torpid
58. City in Australia
59. Canadian stage actress Ms. O'Connell
60. Fargo, ___
61. Tony Danza sitcom
62. Bench press muscle, briefly

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Although you always look so self-assured, you have doubts just like everyone else and some of them could get serious today. Your best course of action is to carry on as if you don't have a care in the world.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Focus on what comes easy and resist calls to get involved in things you know little about. You are at your best when in control, while others may say that is boring you really don't mind. Boring pays the bills.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You will get some good news today. Actually, the news itself may be nothing special but it will confirm that your recent worries were groundless — as, deep down, you always knew.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Reality is overrated at times and the planets suggest your fantasies will be a lot of fun over the next few days. Try to remember that not everyone shares your tastes.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Don't complain too loudly if a friend plays a trick on you today — they are only getting back at you for the many tricks you have played on them. It's all in good fun, so don't be afraid to laugh at yourself.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
No matter how clever you think you are if you try to fool someone in a position of power today they will find out and you will be the one who suffers. Neptune's influence on your ruler Mercury is highly deceptive.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Some people you get along with naturally, while others you cannot bring yourself to like no matter what. One of the latter variety will try to earn your friendship today. You're not having it.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You can, if you make the effort, accomplish a lot today but the planets indicate you will prefer to take it easy and let things drift. There's no point pushing yourself if you don't feel like it.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You may find it hard to put your feelings into words today — but your body language will say it all. Loved ones can sense you need some TLC and will go out of their way to give it.

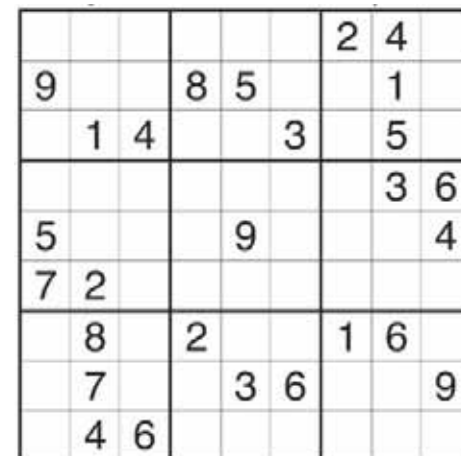
Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Certain habits are hard to break but if you tackle them one at a time there is no reason you shouldn't be successful. When getting rid of a bad habit it helps if you have a good one to take its place.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Opinions won't be in short supply today but the only advice you need is what your conscience tells you. Ignore what others say and do what you think is right.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Anxiety you should have conquered long ago will make its presence felt today — this time you must deal with it. Face it head-on rather than trying to avoid it.

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